

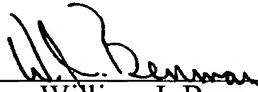
REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3, 8 – 11, 14, 15, 17 – 20, 25 – 28, 30, 31, 33, 39, 42 and 43 are pending in the Application. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 1 – 3, 8 – 11, 14, 15, 17 – 20, 25 – 28, 30, 31, 33, 39 and 42. Claim 43 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ng *et al.* ('383) in view of Stryker *et al.* ('848).

Enclosed is an Affidavit Under Rule 1.131, which establishes the date of invention which predates the effective date of the Stryker reference. Accordingly, the Application should be in proper form for allowance.

Reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

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